



Long Term Care Highlights

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Welcome to this edition of *Long Term Care Highlights*, a newsletter published by the North Dakota Department of Health, Division of Health Facilities. Administrators, please share this newsletter with your directors of nursing, dietitians, physical plant managers, social workers, acting directors, infection control and MDS coordinators, and other interested staff.



Plan of Correction Continuation Sheet

When a facility submits a plan of correction on the Statement of Deficiencies and Plan of Correction, form HCFA-2567, it is appropriate to continue the plan of correction on an extra sheet of paper, as long as the tag number you are responding to is indicated on the blank sheet (i.e., Tag F324 {continued}). This is not considered an attachment, but rather a "continuation sheet" for the plan of correction. What is meant by attachments is any supporting documentation (i.e., floor plans, staff schedules, food menus, etc.) that the facility submits to support the plan of correction and completion dates. Information from the supporting documentation should be included in the plan of correction and then the "attachments" referred to (as stated in the last sentence of the model letter . . . if "attachments" are utilized, be certain you have explained the content of the "attachments" fully within the plan of correction). Therefore, it is appropriate for you to write the plan of correction on an extra sheet of paper (or continuation sheet), if you should run out of room on the original HCFA-2567.



Internet Resources

1. www.medscape.com

An excellent free site requires registration, but it is worth it. They will send updates on any specialty (nursing, pharmacy medical, etc) you have registered to receive. This site has proven to be very informative.

2. www.ascp.com

The site for the American Society of Consultant Pharmacists is a good resource for pharmacy issues. The site deals with geriatric pharmacy and the MDS, the survey process, and other areas related to HCFA and health care. ASCP.com has an excellent list of associated links to many different health-related sites.

3. www.fandc.com

This is the site of the well known Facts and Comparisons literature used by pharmacists and others. It deals with all things relating to pharmacy and long term care.

4. www.rti.org

This is a good resource for articles published relating to long term care.

5. www.ahcpr.gov

This former Agency for Health Care Policy and Research is now known as the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHQR). This is the site for clinical practice guidelines, patient information, clinicians' guides, etc.

6. www.healthfinder.org

This site contains clinical practice guidelines and AHQR links.

7. www.nih.gov

National Institutes of Health main website. This site offers free access to health literature (Grateful Med), clinical trial information, etc.

8. list.nih.gov

National Institutes of Health List server. Various groups and specialty interests are available. This site Brings information to your desktop with no additional effort on your part.

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There's something in a simple hug
That always warms the heart;
It welcomes us back home
And makes it easier to part.
A hug's a way to share the joy
And sad times we go through,
Or just a way for friends to say
They like you 'cause you're you.
Hugs are meant for anyone
For whom we really care,
From your grandma to your neighbor,
Or a cuddly teddy bear.
A hug is an amazing thing –
It's just the perfect way
To show the love we're feeling
But can't find the words to say.
It's funny how a little hug
Makes everyone feel good;
In every place and language,
It's always understood.
And hugs don't need new equipment,
Special batteries or parts –
Just open up your arms
And open up your hearts.

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